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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY VIENNA IMMEDIATE
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DEPT PASS USINT BAGHDAD IMMEDIATE

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OPEC PRICE INCREASE

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1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REFTELS, I MADE DEMARCHE TO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS UNDER SECRETARY RITCHIE ALONG LINES INSTRUCTED.

2. RITCHIE SAID THAT GOC SHARES US CONCERN THAT PRICES NOT GET OUT OF HAND BUT AT SAME TIME EMPHASIZED THAT MATTER COMPLICATED FOR GOC BY FACT THAT CANADA IS ALSO A PRODUCER WITH DELICATE INTERNAL RELATIONS WITH ITS PROVINCES OVER OIL PRICES. (HE MENTIONED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT NORWAY WAS IN SIMILAR POSITION.) IN SUM, RITCHIE INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE HARD FOR CANADA TO "CRUSADE" OR MAKE VERY STRONG APPROACHES TO OPEC COUNTRIES.

3. IN ACTION TERMS, HOWEVER, RITCHIE STATED THAT HE WOULD CONSULT WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE GOC OFFICIALS AND WOULD EXPECT TO EMPHASIZE TO AMBASSADOR GEORGE IN TEHRAN AND OTHER GOC REPRESENTATIVES CANADA'S INTEREST IN OPEC ACTIONS. RITCHIE SAID HE WOULD URGE THEM TO BE AS HELPFUL AS OPPORTUNITIES ALLOW AND TO KEEP OTTAWA INFORMED.

4. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE HOPED WASHINGTON WOULD UNDERSTAND CANADA'S POSSIBLY AMBIVALENT POSITION ON THIS PRICING MATTER WHICH PERFORCE HAS RAMIFICATIONS IN OTTAWA'S
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CURRENT SUBTLE AND DELICATE FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS IN THIS AREA.
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